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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1. Goetzendorf Airfield

2. Air Force Troops in Margarethen am Moos

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

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25 May 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On 3 April 1951, thirty-six PE-2s, three twin-engine, semi-high wing mono-planes fitted with nose wheels, and two fighters fitted with in-line engines were stationed at the Goetzendorf (P 48/X 57) airfield. Flying was not observed.

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2. Within a two-hour period on 3 April, twenty-three officers, including five lieutenants, four captains, one major and one lieutenant colonel, wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen entering the local Komendantura. The officers had come from the direction of the airfield or Margarethen am Moos. Jeep [REDACTED] parked in front of the Komendantura building. The hospital and motion picture theater were occupied by air force soldiers. Approximately twenty-seven officers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, including six captains, were seen leaving the officers' club. Eleven of them left on truck [REDACTED] in the direction of Margarethen am Moos.

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3. The morning of 4 April, 25 to 30 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen in the castle at Margarethen am Moos. No motor vehicles were observed at the estate. About 10 a.m., eighteen soldiers wearing mechanics overalls left on trucks [REDACTED]. A truck with a box-like superstructure and fitted with a rod antenna was observed at the airport of Margarethen Castle. Twenty-three more motor vehicles, including four trucks with box-like superstructures and five tank trucks, were seen in the rear of the park. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] occupied by six captains wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, approached from the direction of the Vienna National Highway. *

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Comment. Information received indicates that there has been no change in the status of the airfield, the Komendantura, and the strength of the troops quartered in the town. A bomber regiment, presumably the 161st Gds Bmr Regt, is believed to be still stationed at the Goetzendorf airfield. All the [REDACTED]

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